



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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**Application No.:** 09/477,236  
**Filed:** January 4, 2000  
**For:** Protective Coatings for Medical Devices  
**Examiner:** M. Mendez  
**Group Art Unit:** 3763

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This is a response to the Office Action mailed July 18, 2001. Claims ~~8~~ are pending in the application.

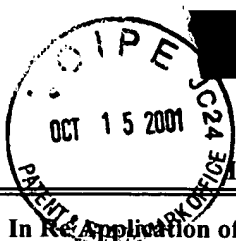
In the Claims

Please add the following new claims.

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23. An medical device insertable in the body having a protective coating on a surface thereof, said coating being applied to said medical device in a substantially uniform discontinuous pattern.
24. The medical device of Claim 23 wherein said coating comprises a thermoplastic polymer, thermosetting polymer or mixture thereof.
25. The medical device of Claim 23 wherein said medical device is a dilatation balloon.
26. The medical device of Claim 25 wherein said coating is applied in the form of a waffle pattern, stripe pattern or a pattern having circular perforations.
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27. A dilatation balloon having improved durability formed from a thermoplastic polymer, said balloon having a protective coating applied to said dilatation balloon in a substantially uniform discontinuous pattern.

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## TRANSMITTAL LETTER

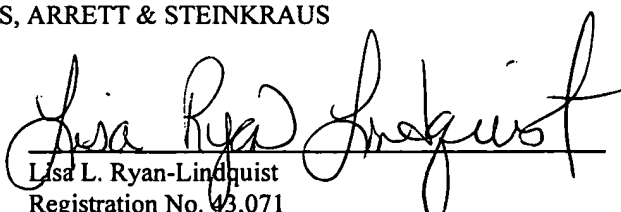
1. In regard to the above-identified application, we are submitting the attached:  
**3 pg Amendment and Response; VAS Transmittal Letter; and Postcard.**
2. With respect to fees:  
☒ No additional fee is required.  
☐ Attached is check(s) in the amount of \$  
☐ Charge additional fee to our Deposit Account No. 22-0350.
3. **CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**  
This conditional petition is being filed along with the papers identified in Item 1 above and provides for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time or for a petition and fee for any other matter petitionable to the Commissioner as required. If any extension of time for the accompanying response is required or if a petition for any other matter is required, by petitioner, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.
4. Notwithstanding paragraph 2 above, if any additional fees associated with this communication are required and have not otherwise been paid, including any fee associated with the Conditional Petition for Extension of Time, or any request in the accompanying papers for action which requires a fee as a petition to the Commissioner, please charge the additional fees to Deposit Account No. 22-0350. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment associated with this communication to the Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

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Certificate Under 37 CFR 1.8: I hereby certify that this Transmittal Letter and the paper(s) as described herein, are being deposited in the U.S. Postal Service, as FIRST CLASS MAIL, addressed to Box Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, Washington D.C. 20231, on October 11, 2001.

  
Jayne Bisson